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SUBJECT: PSI: ITALY STUDYING SUA AMENDMENTS

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12. EMBASSY OFFICERS PRESENTED REFTTEL POINTS TO OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT, STRESSING THE NEED TO AMEND THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION (SUA) CONVENTION TO CRIMINALIZE WMD TRANSPORT.

13. TRANSPORT MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS, COSIMO CALIENDO, TOLD SCIENCE COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 17 THAT ITALY FULLY SUPPORTED THE GOAL OF THE U.S. EFFORT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IT WAS NECESSARY TO FIND A WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL WITH THE LEAST NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE MARITIME SECTOR. EXPERTS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT WERE STILL STUDYING THE PROPOSAL AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT.
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